

REMARKS

The Priority Claim

Applicants note that the correct priority claim was made in the Transmittal Letter submitted at the time of application filing and appears on the most recent Official Filing Receipt, mailed December 12, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that a timely priority claim, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, was made. This priority claim is now reflected in the specification, at page 1.

CONCLUSION

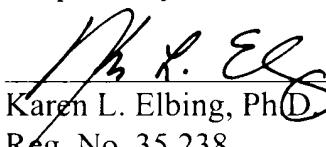
Applicants submit that all formal matters are now in compliance with Patent Office requirements and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Applicants respectfully request that, effective immediately, all communication in this case be addressed to:

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